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Amendment B**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 and amend claims 1 and 6, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composition of matter comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a colloidal suspension of sulfur in a diketone selected from the group consisting of hydroxy diketone, methyl ethyl diketone, dimethyldiketone and diethyldiketone.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 1, administered in a carrier to form a cream, lotion, solution, ointment or urgent for typical application.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The composition according to claim 4, and further comprising a local anesthetic, antihistamine, corticosteroid, alcohol or counterirritant.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of relieving severe itching in patients in need of such treatment, which method comprises topically administering a composition comprising a colloidal suspension of sulfur in a diketone selected from the group consisting of hydroxy diketone, methyl ethyl diketone, dimethyldiketone, and diethyldiketone to the patient in need of such treatment.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the composition is administered in a carrier which forms a cream, lotion, solution, ointment or urgent.

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Claim 10 (previously presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the composition further comprises a local anesthetic, antihistamine, corticosteroid, alcohol or counterirritant.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1, wherein the colloidal sulfur comprises 1 - 7 wt% of the composition.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1, wherein said diketone comprises 5 - 40 wt% of the composition.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1, and further comprising a carrier comprising glycerol monostearate.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The composition of claim 1, and further comprising a carrier comprising propylene glycol.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the colloidal sulfur comprises 1 - 7 wt% of the composition.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein said diketone comprises 5 - 40 wt% of the composition.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the composition is administered in a carrier comprising glycerol monostearate.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the composition is administered in a carrier comprising propylene glycol.

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